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For: MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUE FOR  
OPTICAL FIBER ARRAY

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**REQUEST FOR RETURN OF INITIALED FORM PTO-1449 FOR  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS  
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Sir:

The Notice of Allowance and associated papers mailed 03/04/2004 did not include any reference to applicant's supplemental IDSs filed February 4, 2004 and March 2, 2004. Both of these IDSs were filed within three months of the applicant having first learned of the additional prior art therein cited and thus are believed to be timely filed. As a courtesy, an extra copy of these IDSs is attached together with copies of the USPTO postcard receipts acknowledging that such were received at the USPTO.

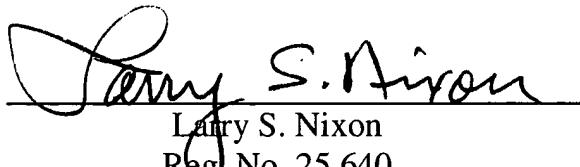
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Return of a fully initialed copy of both of the additional Form 1449s submitted  
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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attention is directed to the attached Office Action issued 12/23/2003 in related application 10/037,925 and each reference cited therein. A PTO-1449 is also attached.

Official consideration and citation of each such reference is requested.

I hereby certify that each item of information contained herein was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was not known to any individual designed in 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

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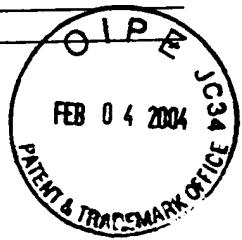
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Attention is directed to the attached documents recently coming to applicant's attention including an Office Action issued on December 31, 2003 in prosecution of applicant's related cop-pending application 10/199,556 being prosecuted by other counsel. A PTO-1449 is also attached.

Official consideration and citation of each such reference is requested.

Counsel certifies that, upon information and belief, each item of information listed herein was either (a) cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement; or (b) was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was not known to any individual designated in 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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